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The Star-Spangled Banner.

It was 82 years ago, or, to be more precise, Sept. 14, 1814, that the Star-Spangled Banner was written. The grand old song was composed amid the clang and excitement of battle, in the harbor of Baltimore. The story of how Francis Scott Key got his inspiration for the song is known to every school-boy in the land, but its recent birthday anniversary will be our excuse for publishing it again.

On the return of the British to their vessels after the destruction of Washington, they carried with them Dr. Beanes, an influential physician. His friends begged for his release, but Admiral Cockburn refused to give him up and sent him on board the flagship of Admiral Cochrane.

Francis Scott Key was requested to go to Cochrane and ask for the doctor's release. With the President's permission he went in the Cartel ship Minden under a flag of truce. He found the British ships at the mouth of the Potomac preparing to attack Baltimore. Cochrane agreed to release Beanes, but not right away. Key and Beanes were paced on board the Surprise. When the fleet went up Patapsco bay they were sent back to the Minden with a guard of marines.

The Minden was anchored within eight of Fort McHenry, and from her deck Key observed the bombardment of the fort. He did not know even when the firing ceased whether the fort had surrendered or not. In the dim light of the opening morning he saw through a glass the star-spangled banner yet waving in triumph over the fort and soon learned of the preparations of the discomfited British for speedy departure.

It was during the excitement of the bombardment and while pacing the deck of the Minden between midnight and dawn that Key composed the now world-famed song. The original lines were written on the back of a letter which Key happened to have in his pocket. It was later written out in full by Key and then printed in handbill form. It was first sung by Charles Durang at a restaurant in Baltimore to an assemblage of defenders of the city. It is now sung everywhere as the national song of America.

Mind Reading.

You can read a happy mind in a happy countenance without much penetration. This is the sort of countenance that the quondam "Housers sufferer" or dyspeptic relieved by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters wears. You will meet many such. The great stomachic and alterative also provides happiness for the malitious, the rheumatic, the weak, and those troubled with inaction of the kidneys and bladder.

A cross between a Burchells zebra and an Isle of Ruin mare has been obtained by an Edinburgh professor, who is trying to procure a beast of burden for South Africa that will not be attacked by the tsetse fly. The fly does not touch the zebra. The next step is to find out whether the hybrid animal is sterile, like the mule, or not, and then whether the tsetse will leave him alone.

When in the crowded thoroughfares of city life you see young maidens with cheeks fair as country roses, give them credit for using Glenn's Sulphur Soap.

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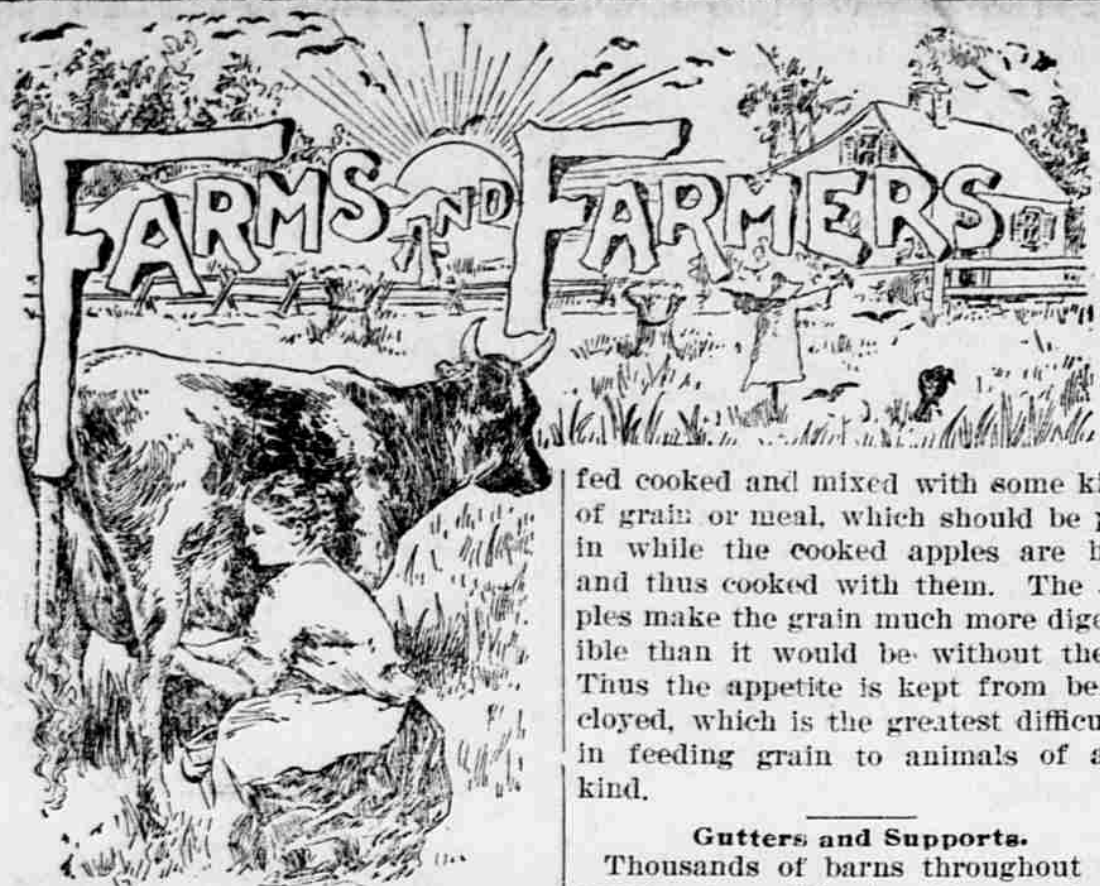
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OPIMUM



Name and Number the Roads.

Much of the isolation of the farmer is caused by the time consumed in finding his residence, says Farm and Home. A certain numbered house on a certain named street makes one at home in town, but the farmer is a stranger in a strange land when seeking a fellow farmer in an adjoining county. The wide-awake agriculturists of Contra Costa County, California, a few years ago set about to remedy this unfortunate condition and adopted what has since been known as the ten-block system, that is, the naming and measuring of all country roads and dividing them into ten blocks to the mile. The enactment of the plan was secured from the county board of supervisors and work under it was begun at once. Roads were named in as long lengths as practicable. Names of towns and living residents were not used. Some landscape feature, some historical association suggested the name. Bear Creek road, Lane Ridge crossing, Lake Connex, Mountain drive, Walnut way, Vista Rio, Granger exit and Happy Valley local are examples. A list of the roads was made, beginning with those going northward from the county seat, followed by those going easterly, southerly and westward. Complete records as to local objects are kept and guide-

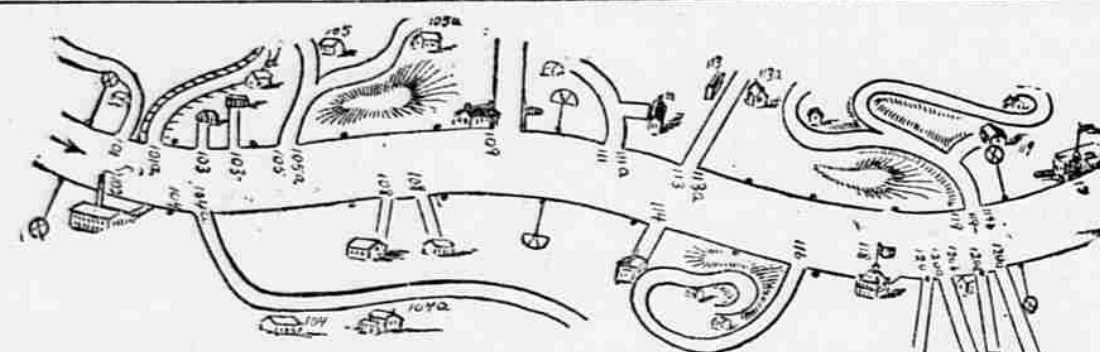
Gutters and Supports.

Thousands of barns throughout the country are without gutters, and the rain from the roof washes down upon manure heaps, robbing the latter of more than half their richness. Gutters from a solid stick of timber are best, but these are expensive. The V trough is apt to leak after a little. To prevent this, coat the inside

SECURE GUTTER. With concrete, made by mixing sharp sand and the best cement, as shown in the diagram, or a mixture of sand and tar can be used. Instead of the wooden supports cut from a piece of board, that are constantly splitting, use an iron strap bent by a blacksmith into the shape suggested, and screwed to the side of the barn. Such supports will, of themselves, keep the V gutters from opening at the joint, even if not coated inside.

Work of the Codling Moth.

The injury and loss occasioned by the codling moth has been very keenly felt in almost all fruit-growing regions, and many of the fine crops raised the past year will show the appearance of the worm unless spraying was resorted to in early spring. The female begins to



TEN BLOCK SYSTEM OF NAMING AND NUMBERING COUNTRY ROADS.

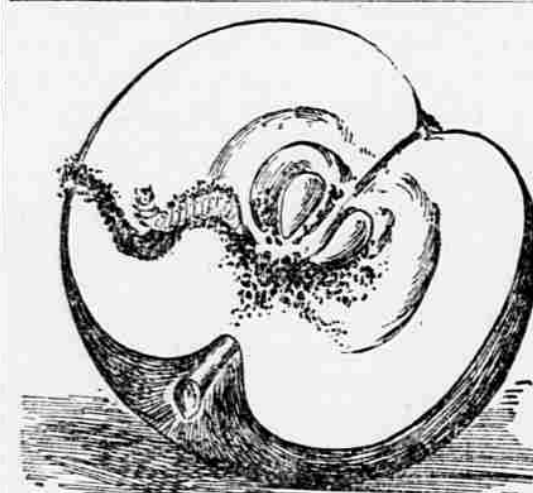
boards erected. The measuring begins at the center of the street just in front of the courthouse and proceeds along the nearest line of travel. The village streets have the customary 100 numbers to the block, but outside the limits the country house numbers are used, two to each block of 528 feet (32 rods) of road. Odd numbers are on the left hand, even on the right. A gate on the right-hand side, with its right post 3-10 miles by road from the courthouse, is 31 blocks distant, and is in the 32d block. Hence its road number is 64, or twice 32. A gate just across the road would be numbered 63. Half the even numbers of a block divided by 10 always gives its extreme distance from the beginning. Each house has the number of the block upon which its gate or entrance is located, as 64 for the first house. Other houses, built on the same block take the numbers 64a, 64b to 64z. On the fence, or a post, a line is placed showing the numbers and the divisions between blocks. On the right is 64 | 62. On the left is marked 61 | 63. At the end of each mile (ten blocks) an X is painted inside a circle. The half-mile is marked by a V in a semi-circle. There are 20 road numbers to the mile. The ten-block system works as well with houses miles apart as with those closer, even to 20 feet apart. The distance between any two house numbers in the country can be easily reckoned. The homes of farmers can be quickly found. Strangers can be given clear directions. The mileage of officers can be quickly calculated. Road work can be accurately located by its block number. A county directory could be printed with farm names and road numbers of every citizen. A former postmaster general has declared that the ten-block system of numbering country roads would remove the only obstacle to rapid and accurate free postal and telegraph delivery to farmers. Contra Costa farmers expect to secure free delivery at once, under the new appropriation by Congress for this purpose.

Good Fatter in Winter.

With care in making the proper arrangements, good butter can readily be made in winter, and the cost be not materially increased. There must be fresh cows. Good, warm, dry shelter, plenty of good feed and water, proper arrangements for handling the milk and cream so as to secure the desired temperature for cream raising and butter making, and with these essentials, good butter at only a slightly increased cost per pound can be made. But, the quality must be good to make the most out of it, as the consumer demands good butter in winter, the same as in summer, and the price is largely determined by the quality all seasons.

Feeding Apples to Hogs.

There is a good deal of notion in apples, especially those of sweet varieties. Where they are plentiful and cheap, as sweet apples are almost sure to be when the crop is abundant, they are good feed for hogs. But they are not a full ration, and should always be



A MOST DESTRUCTIVE APPLE INSECT.

can only be averted by careful spraying.—Farm and Home.

Poultry Pointers.

Preserve the fallen leaves for the scratch pen in winter.

Get the poultry accustomed to roosting under shelter before cold weather sets in.

A good thing for the chickens is to char a lot of corn occasionally and let them pick at it.

Don't fail to have gravel and road dust in goodly quantities put away for use about poultry quarters during winter.

It is claimed by many that a hen will lay more and better eggs during an entire year if she is allowed to raise one lot of chicks.

Eggs upon which a fowl is sitting are not all of the same temperature; those upon the outside are cooler than those on the inside.

Eradicate the chicken lice by cleaning out and burning old nest, and whitewashing frequently. Spray the roosts and inside of the poultry house freely with coal oil and carbolic acid.

If charcoal and sulphur are burned in a poultry house we will guarantee that the house will be rid of lice. Sprinkle the sulphur on the charcoal and shut the house up tight. Nothing can live in the fumes.

The Apiary.

It is not advisable to store comb honey if it can be sold at a fair price. It is difficult to keep it in perfect condition for any length of time.

Each frame of comb in a bee hive should occupy about one and a half inches of space, and in spacing the frames it should be done with exactness, so that the frames will be one and a half inches from center to center.

TRAIN "WRECKERS."

THE EXPOSURE AND PERIL OF THESE BRAVE MEN.

A Short Talk with an Experienced "Wrecker"—Compelled to Stand in Water for Hours—The Intense Strain Upon Nerves and Health.

From the *Harkeye*, Burlington, Iowa.

A correspondent of the Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Daily News and of the Burlington Hawkeye called upon Mr. Edward Tracy, of 1312 Central avenue, Burlington, Ia., and the following interview resulted: "I was born at Rome, Ia., twenty-six years ago, and lived at that place until 1892, when with several others I went to Florence, Kansas. While there we worked on the Santa Fe Railroad. The work was not hard, but we were obliged to be out in all sorts of weather. Soon after I went to Kansas City, Kansas, where I secured work with what was called the wrecking gang. Their work consisted of clearing up wrecks, watching wash-outs, etc. We were often compelled to stand in water for hours at a time, and it would sometimes be all day and all night before we would get a chance to change our clothing.

"After working at this work for a short time I commenced to feel weak and would often be compelled to quit work for a few days. At last I decided to call on a doctor and get some medicine. After taking the medicine for some time without improvement I decided to leave Kansas and go home, thinking that the climate did not agree with me. A few days before I was to start for home a friend came to see me and wanted me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did not try them until I had been home for some time, but finally yielded to his advice and commenced taking them. In a few days I felt better. By the time the first box was gone I was able to work again. I have felt the old malady but once since. Then I went at once and purchased some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking two boxes was completely well and have not been sick since. I take pleasure in recommending Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to the public in the highest terms."

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ANIMALS AS CRIMINALS.

Instances in Which They Were Tried in Civil and Ecclesiastical Courts.

During the middle ages, and even as late as the time of Shakespeare, animals were considered legally responsible for their acts. They were tried for various offenses, and if found guilty were convicted and punished. Mules were occasionally deprived of their ears for wrong doing, and this altered the appearance of the animals, whether it improved their morals or not. There was another punishment inflicted on mules which suggests that there was method in the madness of the authorities. A mule which was particularly wicked was made forfeit to the crown, and the king had a corral of asses which could not be equaled for depravity in the world.

Occasionally the animals were tried before an ecclesiastical tribunal. Swarms of flies, bees, leeches and other insect pests were often condemned to vacate within a certain time under penalty of "malediction." As a rule certain sections of the country were set aside to which the condemned animals might retire and live in peace and quiet.

A horde of flies that bothered the residents of Marenne, France, were tried once, and escaped punishment because of their small size and extreme youth. Rats one time began eating the barley of France and were tried in court. They were defended by an eminent lawyer named Chasseneux, and he actually won the suit and the rats escaped punishment. In Naples an ass was tried by a jury of his peers, no doubt—and sentenced to die at the stake. The sentence was carried out, and that ass never committed murder again. About the year 1700 the practice died out, and some time after the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was organized, and since then domestic animals have been better treated.

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Little Man with a Big Heart.

Edward Lewis, a Polish Jew, is a big hearted man. He has offered himself for exhibition before the Wabash County (Ind.) Medical Society. Lewis' heart is a source of much wonder and speculation among the medical fraternity. It is nearly twice the size of the organ of the ordinary human, physicians who have examined him stating that it is from nine to ten inches in length and eight inches in diameter. Its beat, under ordinary conditions, can be heard at a distance of two feet, and the enlargement is such that there is a marked protrusion of the breast. Lewis is small of stature, and is a laborer. He says that the process of enlargement continues, the diameter and length of the organ having increased over an inch in the last six months.

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He Was Too Previous.

Robert Bright, of San Francisco, has a strange lawsuit on his hands. Some months ago he signed all his property to his sister, thinking himself on his deathbed. Fate willed that he should recover, but the sister refuses to return his property, and is spending his money at libidum. Bright is suing to get it back.

Freak of Lightning.

During a recent heavy thunderstorm in Dennisport, Pa., Mrs. Florence Kelly, a telegraph operator, received a severe shock. When she came to she found on her right arm a perfect imprint of a leaf the size of a hand.

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